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Ashada Friday: Devotees throng Chamundi Hill temple

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&DM)- Amid clear skies and a favourable weather, thousands of devotees from the city and across the State made a beeline to Chamundi Hill temple to seek the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari this morning on the first Ashada Friday, an auspicious day in the Ashada month for Hindus.

The pujas and all other rituals associated with Ashada Friday began as early as 3.30 am with the temple priests performing Rudrabhisheka, Panchamruta Abhisheka, Kumkumarchane etc.

The entire Chamundi Hill temple premises was specially decorated with different types of flowers, fruits, sugarcane, coconut, maize and other decorative articles.

The Hill temple was thrown open to devotees at about 5.30 am after the completion of all puja rituals.

This time the District Administration did away with the special passes as it had given rise to confusions in the past years.

(See DEVOTEES on page 7)

To Our Readers

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 23rd June 2023

24th National Nirantara Kalemane Festival on June 25

Mysuru, June 23- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 24th National Nirantara Kalemane Festival at Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage here on June 25 at 3.30 pm.

The chief guest of the evening will be P.S. Nandini Ranganath, retired Mathematics teacher, Amritanandamayi School, Mysuru.

Guru Vidushi Rekha Satish, Founder and Director of Nruthyankura Foundation, Bengaluru and her disciples will present 'Adityam salutations to Lord Surya' in Kuchipudi.

Bharatanatyam recital by disciples of Guru Vidwan Prakash Iyer, Director and Founder, Sri Nataraja Kalanikethan, Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam recital by disciples of Guru Vidushi Poornima, Founder and Director of Nrithyaantharanga Academy of Performing Arts, Bengaluru.

Mohiniyattam by Guru Vidushi Dr. Rekha Raju, Founder and Director of Nrithya Dhama Temple of Fine Arts, Bengaluru and her disciples. Dance-Drama 'Shiva Shakti' by disciples of Guru Vidushi Prathibha Sathyavannan, Founder and Director of Hreem, Bengaluru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A recent community-based study done by some Indian medical college students on prevalence of tobacco smoking says that reasons to smoke are mostly psychological. It further elaborates that three factors that lead young people to pick up the habit of smoking are: peer pressure, following the example of siblings and parents, and employment outside home.

The study revealed that peer influence is paramount during adolescent stages and young people with greater numbers of peers who smoke are more likely to take to the addiction themselves. The study also revealed that around 68% of current smokers think that smoking causes weight loss.

Similarly, around 32% of smokers expressed that since they were unable to cope with stress and unwelcome pressure on their mind, they just de-stressed themselves by lighting a cigarette. What was astonishing is that 92% of current smokers are well aware of the fact that smoking cigarettes or using tobacco in any form causes cancer, and yet they indulge in this life-threatening habit, why? Because they do not know a way to get out of this.

According to psychologists, most of the addicts are quite immature in nature and suffer from insecure personalities. They have a general lack of confidence due to various psychogenic problems that they face, especially those from their immediate family.

A detailed research done by behavioural scientists in the US proves meditation as an effective addiction recovery technique. It was observed that those who were taught how to meditate had lower levels of relapse and more positive outcomes after release than those who received only conventional recovery treatments. Hence it would not be difficult to recognise the value of meditation for elimination of smoking habit and introduce this theory and practise as a subject in our education system.

There may be many people who may pose a question as to why meditation. Because it has been proved that it rewires critical pathways in the brain thereby increasing self-awareness in a person which allows him/her to focus on any number of things at a time. Remember. Calming the mind for a few minutes may provide the distance needed to make a reasonable and healthy decision about whether to light a cigarette or find a meditation centre.

— Rajyogi Brahmakumar Nikunj in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Car soars 120 ft. after vaulting off a tow truck's ramp

Georgia: The wild scene was straight out of an action movie — but it was recorded by a Police camera.

A tow truck had lowered its ramp to clear a car crash on a Georgia highway — but then a motorist came from behind and drove onto the ramp at speed. Her sedan launched high into the air, soaring some 120 feet before crashing back down onto the roadway.

The scary spectacle was captured on video by the body camera of a Lowndes County sheriff's deputy who was assisting with the initial crash on the westbound side of Georgia Highway 38, near Valdosta.

A 21-year-old woman from Tallahassee, Fla., was driving the sedan, according to Police. She was taken to South Georgia Medical Center with suspected serious injuries. The crash took place on May 24, but it attracted new attention after the Police video was released.

'Watermelon snow' turning mountains pink

Utah: Mountain snow in a Utah county is turning shades of red, pink and orange due to what experts said is a phenomenon called watermelon snow.

Visitors to the Cache County mountains captured photos showing the unusual hue to the remaining snow, and scientists said it is a natural phenomenon caused by a blooming green algae, Chlamydomonas nivalis, which is found in mountain ranges around the world.

The snow algae produce a pigment that basically darkens their cells, and it acts as both a protection against UV, so it protects their DNA and other aspects of their organelles from damage because they're in such a bright place.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Hard water causes stones

Fact: Drinking Hard water will not increase the risk of stones. Adequate hydration will reduce the risk of stone formation.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology
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LIFE'S ON

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Talk on Kannada Literature & Language Politics in India

Prof. Purushottama

Mysuru, June 23- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on 'Kannada Literature & Language Politics in India' by Prof. Purushottama Bilimale at 10.30 am on June 24 (Saturday) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysore.

Dr. Purushottama Bilimale hails from Dakshina Kannada and obtained his Post Graduate degree in Kannada from the University of Madras and his Ph.D from University of Mangalore. After teaching in Nehru Memorial College, Sulya, University of Mangalore and Kannada University of Hampi for several years, he became the director of American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi. In 2015 he became a professor of Kannada studies in the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and continued till his retirement. He has published several books including his memoirs and essays on Dalit issues, Folk culture of the Karavali region, Caste systems etc. and has given lectures at several prestigious Universities.

He will talk about the diminishing importance being given to Language Studies. Many spoken languages are in the throes of extinction. The richness and culture of Indian languages need to be highlighted as they will guide in successful interaction with people speaking different tongues in the international arena.

The talk is open to all. For details contact Mob:94498-19536.

CESC public grievances meet on June 26, 28 and 30

Mysuru, June 23- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be conducting public grievances meet of NR Mohalla Division — Central, Chamundipuram, NR Mohalla, Jyothinagar and Varuna Sub-Divisions Offices — on June 26, 28 and 30.

June 26: Central (11 am) and Chamundipuram (3 pm).

June 28: NR Mohalla (11 am) and Jyothinagar (3 pm).

June 30: Varuna (11 am).

Power consumers may attend the meet at their respective CESC Offices and air their grievances related to CESC in writing and get solutions, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

REALLY...?

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Every year during monsoon, the daily travellers face a lot of hindrance to traverse through these roads as they get clogged, sometimes even resulting in an unhygienic and miserable flood water submerging the entire road surface. I hope the authorities concerned will take immediate and suitable action.

—R.D. Naveen Kumar
Mysuru
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Jackfruit Festival in city on June 24 and 25

Mysuru, June 23- Sahaja Samrudha, in collaboration with GIZ and Namma Farmers Market, has organised a Jackfruit Festival-2023 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city on June 24 and 25 between 10 am and 8 pm.

Now in its 3rd year, the Jackfruit Fest brings together the incredible flavours and cultural significance of this fruit, offering a feast for the senses and a delightful journey through its many culinary possibilities.

At the Jackfruit Food Bazaar, renowned chefs, passionate food vendors and innovative entrepreneurs will showcase their creativity and culinary skills through an impressive range of jackfruit-inspired dishes.

From savoury to sweet, you'll discover jackfruit infused delicacies that push the boundaries of taste and ignite your palate. Sample juicy jackfruit burgers, tangy jackfruit salsa, heavenly jackfruit desserts and a lot more surprises will be there.

Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, will inaugurate the Festival. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hesaraghata, Bengaluru, will release Jack Recipes booklet.

The Festival introduces Red, White and Yellow fleshed fruits from different parts of Karnataka, which are exclusive for their taste, shape and firm bulbs.

The event also features sale of popular jackfruit variety seedlings like Rudrakshi halasu, Siddu kempu halasu, Bairachandra, Sarva Ruthu, Shankara, Varada Sree, Tubagere Halasu, Thai red, Vietnam super early, Gumless jack, Nagachandra, Lalbagh Madura and many more. More than 50 groups are bringing different kinds of jackfruit and value-added products, millets, pulses, organic seeds, desi rice, cold press oil and organic produce for display and sale at the venue.

Competitions galore: Jackfruit lifting competition will be held on June 24 at 6 pm; Jackfruit food competition on June 25 at 12 noon; Jackfruit eating competition on June 25 at 2 pm; Jackfruit drawing competition for children on June 25 at 10 am.

For details, contact Komal on Mob: 98809-08608 or Rajath on Mob: 99588-02280.

Graduation ceremony of Nursing Officers tomorrow

Mysuru, June 23- The graduation ceremony of the Nursing Officers, who participated in ***Vision-2023,*** the first-ever Himalayan trekking expedition for Nursing Officers held in May 2023, has been organised at Oyster Bay, Vijayanagar I Stage in city tomorrow (June 24) at 10.50 am.

S. Ravi, IPS, Additional Director General of Police and Principal Secretary (Home), Government of Karnataka, will be the chief guest.

Anchal Khullar, National President, Ladies Circle India and Namrata Shenoy, Past President of Ladies Circle India and Trustee of Diya Foundation, will be the guests of honour.

The Nursing Officers who took part in the expedition were from different parts of the State like Ballari, Bengaluru, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar.

A. Anil Kumar, Founder Trustee, Tiger Adventure Foundation (TAF), will preside, according to a press release from R. Santosh, Hon. Secretary, TAF.

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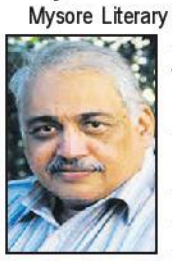
Talk by Dr. Javeed Nayeem



Mysore Literary Asscciation has organised a talk on 'Why & How I Became a Doctor' by Dr. Javeed Nayeem (Doctor, Author and Columnist) at 11 am on Sunday (June 25) at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st phase, Mysuru. For details call Mob: 94498-19536.

Mid-day Meal workers meet

A one-day State Committee meeting of AITUC affiliated Karnataka State Mid-day Meal Workers Federation will take place at K.V. Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Saraswathipuram at 11 am tomorrow. Federation State President Honnappa Maremmanavar will preside. General Secretary Avaregere Chandru will read out the annual report.

Admission

Sree Kalaniketana School of Art, Vijayanagar Second stage in city, has invited applications from SSLC pass or PUC fail/pass students for admission to NEP-2020-based BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course. Last date for applying is June 30. [Mob: 98447-75238/ 97429-18181]

Story -telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-781,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Anitha Ashoka, a home maker, Mysuru at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar on June 24 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details call Ph: 0821-2541795.

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'Gau Matha' has no Congress

'guarantee' as she cannot vote: Faiz Khan

'Gau rakshak' from UP says guarantee schemes will lead to inflation as Congress needs money for 2024 election

Gau Rakshak from Uttar Pradesh Mohammed Faiz Khan seen addressing the gathering at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha in city last evening as Sri 1008 Mahanta Sri Chetan Giri Maharaj and Founder of Yuva Brigade Chakravarty Sulibele look on.

A section of audience.

'Mysuru, June 23 (MK&BCT)-Taking a jibe at the Congress Government for offering freebies for women including 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme where monthly income is promised along with the other freebies like 'free travel' and 'free electricity,' Mohammed Faiz Khan, a 'gau rakshak' from Raipur in Uttar Pradesh has questioned Chief Minister Siddharamaiah what guarantee he has provided to cows, the 'Lakshmi' of every household and the State.

"Cow is regarded as 'Gau Matha' in India, especially in Karnataka where she is worshipped and honoured during all festivals and auspicious occasions. What is the guarantee of her life and safety in the wake of umpteen incidents of her killing. We respect 'Gau Matha' and give her the same status of a mother, our creator. No guarantee has been provided in Karnataka to protect 'Gau Matha' as she is unable to vote," he said.

Mohammed Faiz Khan was speaking at a talk on 'COWnting my days for guarantee!' organised by Yuva Brigade at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha last evening in the presence of Sri 1008 Mahanta Sri Chetan Giri Maharaj of Pinjrapole's Bharat Sadhu Samaj and Founder of Yuva Brigade Chakravarty Sulibele.

A devout Muslim by birth, Faiz Khan is a firm believer in the need to protect cows. He is a Professor at a Government College in Surajpur of Chhattisgarh and in 2017, he took out a Leh-to-Kanyakumari march, the 'Gau Seva Sadbhavana Padayatra,' to create awareness among the masses about cow protection, cow rearing, medicinal qualities of milk and its products.

He holds a double masters in Hindi and Political Science and an M.Phil. in Political Science. Faiz, who recites 'Gau Katha' (parables on the cow), wants a ban on cow slaughter across the country. "The cow is significant not only for Hindus but also for Muslims and all other Indians," says Faiz Khan. But associating cow slaughter with any particular religion is not correct, he added.

Dwelling on the Congress guarantees, Faiz Khan said, "No one can give such guarantees as they are impractical to implement but people have been hoodwinked. See now the Karnataka Government has already hiked the prices of electricity and in the coming days, every item will have increased prices, leading to inflation. The Congress has to make money for 2024 elections," he said.

"Cow is not only the mother of Hindus, but, according to Veda, she is the mother of all (vishwa matha)," he said. A novel 'Ek Gai ki Atmakatha' authored by Girish Pankaj inspired me to dedicate my life for the cause of Gau Matha. I lost my father at a tender age of 10 and mother at 13. Instead of going to madrasa, I received primary education in Saraswathi Shishu Mandir in Raipur," he told the audience.

Conspiracy to destroy identity of Hinduism: Sulibele

In his speech, Chakravarty Sulibele expressed concern about a conspiracy aimed at undermining the significance of Hinduism and its integral parts like mathematics, temples, saffron attire, Sadhus, belief systems and holy cows.

"There are relentless efforts by followers of other faiths who are attempting to attract the younger generation and gradually transform India. Hinduism is rooted in pure science, while other belief systems are merely sets of rules. There are increased attempts to attack Indian/Sanskrit literature and distort its meaning, along with the alarming rise in attacks and raids on Hindu temples," he said.

"The ultimate objective of these assaults is to erode the very essence of Hinduism and divert the future generations towards other faiths. Even a momentary loss of our focus will have severe consequences for the country and we should be forewarned," Sulibele noted.

Sulibele clarified that 'Dharma,' which encompasses righteousness, is not synonymous with religion. He emphasised that Hinduism does not have a single founder who established the religion, and while one can exist without religion, living without righteousness (Dharma) is impossible.

"We need to empower future generations to prevent the erosion of faith. We must stand firm in our individuality and contribute to the emergence of a new and strong country by giving befitting answers to people who criticise and insult Hinduism, even if they are Ministers. We do not need anyone's permission to practise our faiths and at the same time we must not allow anyone to interfere in our religion and tradition," Sulibele added.

Man arrested for poisoning leopard

The accused had laced the carcass of his pet dog with poison to kill the leopard which had killed his pet

Gundlupet, June 23 (MTY&BS)- Forest Department personnel have arrested a man on charges of poisoning a four-year-old female leopard. The accused had laced the carcass of his pet dog with poison with the ulterior motive to kill the leopard which had killed his pet.

The accused has been identified as Ramesh of Mallayyanapura village in Gundlupet taluk. He was working as a watchman at a farm in Kootanur Elle village falling under the buffer zone of Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

The carcass of a leopard was found at the agricultural field of G.R. Govindaraju at Kootanur Elle village. During preliminary investigation by Forest personnel, it appeared to be a case of poisoning. The farm labourers and watchmen in the vicinity were subjected to inquiry, during which Ramesh, the watchman of a neighbouring farm owned by Somashekar, fell in the net.

Ramesh had killed the animal out of vengeance to avenge the death of his pet dog three days ago. He was aware that the leopard would return to consume its prey after killing it and had laced the carcass of the dog with poison, according to his confession statement made before the Forest personnel.

The leopard which returned to its kill, devoured the carcass and died in the neighbouring field on the night of June 21. Forest Department Veterinarian Dr. Wasim Mirza conducted post-mortem before cremating the carcass of the leopard.

The case was solved under the guidance of Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, by the team comprising Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) G. Ravindra, Range Forest Officer (RFO) N.P. Naveen Kumar, NGO member Raghuram, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) C.N. Mudduraju, G.P. Bharath, B.S. Kiran Kumar, Karthik Surapura and Sripal, Forest Guards Parasappa H. Madar and R. Siddaraju, Forest Watcher Santosh Kumar, drivers Abdul Haneef, R. Raghavendra and Mahendra.

Another leopard found dead

A carcass of another leopard was found near an agricultural field at Kaligowdanahalli near Hangala in Bandipur Forest limits. Forest personnel who rushed to the spot on information from farm workers, confirmed that it was a female leopard aged about two years.

According to Veterinarians, the animal is suspected to have died of injuries it had sustained during a fight with another animal. However, the viscera samples of the dead animal was collected and sent to Forensic Science Laboratory, to know the exact reason behind the death. Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, ACF M.N. Naveen, RFO H.M. Manjunath, DRFO Jnanashekar, Forest Guard Barkat Ali and staff were present.

Property dispute drives three of family to end lives

Mahadevaswamy

Savitha

Chamarajanagar, June 23 (SS&BCT)-A long-standing property dispute drove a man, his wife and 14-year-old daughter to end their lives in Chamarajanagar District.

The victims have been identified as Mahadevaswamy (42), his wife Savitha (33) and their daughter Sinchana (14). A suicide note was found, requesting punishment for the deceased person's sisters, whose names were mentioned. After writing the note, the mother and daughter consumed poison while Mahadevaswamy hung himself to the ceiling, the Police said.

The incident came to light this morning at Bedarapura village, when neighbours knocked at the door of the house. Usually, the family rose early as Mahadevaswamy leaves for the fields and Savitha used to light the kitchen fire at dawn. But today, as no one came out, the villagers got suspicious.

Mahadevaswamy was primarily engaged in agriculture, while Savitha worked as a tailor to gain some additional income. They have two daughters, one of whom was pursuing college studies and residing at her grandfather's house.

The younger daughter, Sinchana, was in the 9th standard and lived with her parents. Currently, the entire village is in shock and grief over the three deaths. A large number of villagers and relatives gathered in front of the house sympathising with the college-going girl who has now lost her blood relatives.

Villagers and other family members said that Mahadevaswamy's sisters had approached the Court of law over the property dispute and the Court had adjudicated the case.

According to the Police, initially, the wife and daughter took the extreme step, followed by Mahadevaswamy hanging himself. The incident took place within the jurisdiction of Chamarajanagar Police, and SP Padmini Sahu visited the scene and has ordered an investigation.

Obituary

Jyothi

Mysuru, June 23- Jyothi (70), retired teacher, wife of senior Congress leader H.S. Venkatasubbaiah and a resident of Tonachikoppal, passed away yesterday morning at a private hospital in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

D.R. Kumar

D.R. Kumar (74), a resident of Metagalli, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land at B.M. Sri Nagar this morning.

Man murdered by his sister's lover

Two more nabbed; total arrests go up to five

Mysuru, June 23 (MK&KS)-Vijayanagar Police, who had arrested three persons from a sericulture shed at a village near Channarayapatna in Hassan district recently on charges of murdering a youth at Belawadi on June 15 evening, have arrested two more persons thus bringing the total number of arrests in the case to five.

While accused 23-year-old Sagar, 24-year-old Pratap and 32-year-old Manju, residents of Belawadi in the taluk, were arrested earlier, 45-year-old Mahadev and 42-year-old Susheela were arrested on June 17.

The accused had brutally murdered Hemanth alias Swamy of Belawadi at about 7.30 pm on June 15 for objecting to his sister's love affair. The accused, had not only stabbed and hacked Swamy, but also bludgeoned him with a concrete block before absconding. DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad guided Vijayanagar Inspector B.S. Ravishankar, Sub-Inspectors Vishwanath, Ashwini and Narayana and staff Shankar, Lokesh, Prabhakar, Somaradhya, Srinivasmurthy, Annappa Devadiga, Kamanna, K.N. Manjunath, Pradeep Kumar, Sanjay Pawar, Nandeesh, Tilak Kumar, ACP Squad's Muralidhar, Umesh, Likith, Raghavendra and CRD Division's Kumar in the nabbing operation.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Of Passionate People

...and their service to society

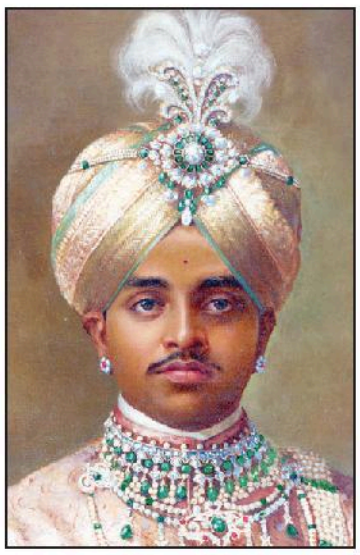
In the beginning of the month, I had received a book about a famous Horticulturist during the days of Wadiyar rulers of Mysore, **Rao Bahadur H.C. Javaraya** titled *'a gardener and a gentleman.'*

The format of the book was similar to a miniature coffee-table book with innumerable beautifully produced photographs and pictures enriching each and every page of the book. It was written by **Meera Iyer,** who is the Convenor of the Bengaluru Chapter of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

She is also an author of books on special subjects and has written several hundred articles on history, heritage and culture of our country. A review of the book on Rao Bahadur H.C. Javaraya has already appeared in *Star of Mysore* dated 21.6.2023.

However, an article titled *'Archives that Live,'* written by Meera Iyer about another interesting person, a foreigner, **Dr. Leslie Charles Coleman,** published in *Deccan Herald* of 22.6.2023 prompted me to do some cud chewing on the article. It made me think about people amongst us who are, to use a biblical phrase, the salt of the earth. When they are gone, society will remember them for what they have left behind for posterity to make their life better. The article is about one such person. My admiration for these remarkable people who are passionate about the subject they are qualified in and use their knowledge for public good. I guess I must include among such persons this lady Meera Iyer too.

Be that as it may, the article was about an 'unusual community' event held by the **National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru**, on 16.6.2023. A retired Dean of the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, **Bharath Mallik,** was the oracle who narrated the story of Dr. Leslie Charles Coleman, a Canadian. He came to India in 1908 and joined the service of the Mysore Kingdom of Wadiyars, heading the Department of Agriculture as its first Director. Recognising his administrative abilities, the Mysore Government gave him the additional responsibility of Sericulture and Veterinary Departments also.



Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar

Dr. Leslie Charles Coleman

Meera Iyer

> "The article made me think about people amongst us who are, to use a biblical phrase, the salt of the earth. When they are gone, society will remember them for what they have left behind for posterity to make their life better."

He served in the Kingdom of Mysore for a period of 26 years and returned to Canada in 1954 because of ill health. Bharath Mallik's narration of Dr. Coleman's genius and lasting contribution seemed detailed and exhaustive so much so I wished I was there to listen to him, considering what is mentioned in the brief space of the article:

Dr. Coleman was convinced that in agriculture, different types of soils required different ploughs. And he did not approach any Research Centre or a Consultant. Well, those days, there couldn't be any Research Centres nor Consultants we find these days. Therefore, it was not surprising, the man, Dr. Coleman, who found the need for different kinds of ploughs for different types of soils, himself went about designing the Kolar Mission Plough and finally created the popular 'Mysore Plough.'

It was Dr. Coleman who had helped in setting up the UAS in Hebbal, Bengaluru in 1913 and thus enabled many youngsters to make a career of their life. He also revolutionised the unorganised Sericulture sector by helping the Sericulturists of Chennapatna by providing guidance.

It was he who established the Coffee Experiment Station, now called the Central Coffee Research Institute in Balehonnur, in 1925. Our neighbouring district Mandya, which was starved of required rainfall and irrigation facilities, had no other option but go for dryland farming. Dr. Coleman found an opportunity to convert the dryland farming into wetland farming following the newly-built Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam. Dr. Coleman was responsible for convincing the Government to set up the iconic Mysore Sugar Company (MySugar) in Mandya in 1933.

It was said that the sugar factory brought the highest prosperity to Mandya compared to other districts that remained backward. Agriculture those days was a gamble and industry a venture with great risk. The establishment of the sugar factory encouraged the farmers to cultivate sugarcane, required for the sugar factory, with the help of the canal water from KRS. Today, Mandya is a prosperous district and credit must indeed go to Dr. Coleman and his vision. Wonder if there is a statue of Dr. Coleman in front of the factory!

This reminds me of an anecdote or a real-life episode (I do not know which of the two is true). In the beginning when Mandya was provided with the flowing Cauvery water from KRS Dam, the farmers were very happy. However, soon after, mosquito menace began to harm them and brought in the epidemic of Malaria. As a result, many farmers migrated to other places cursing those who built the KRS Dam. Fearing farmers' unrest, the Government took prompt and proper action to control the mosquito menace and through counselling boosted their morale to return. This worked and it was happy harvesting and happy days for the agriculturists thereafter.

I am reminded of the saying that the palest ink is better than the best memory. After all, human memory fails with age but what is written or physically built will not fail the future generation. That is why we have books and documents. These days there are electronic devices to store and preserve the memory of those great men and women and their contribution in the field of art, music, literature, architecture and industry.

I guess, the National Centre for Biological Sciences is an institution that would indeed serve the present and future generations enabling them to remember the service and contribution of people like Dr. Leslie Charles Coleman. But for the event organised by the NCBS and the article by Meera Iyer I would not have known about the great contribution of Dr. Coleman for my State.

I think INTACH too has similar goals and objectives. But I do not see it active in Mysuru where it had a chapter with senior journalist of *Deccan Herald* Krishna Vattam (late) as its Convenor. There is much work to be done in Mysuru relating to art, culture and a number of magnificent heritage buildings on the verge of collapse. Let us pray.

TAILPIECE: *I am reminded of the* ***Abracadabra*** *I wrote on 23rd October, 2021 under the title* ***"Musings on MySugar: May the sugar be sweeter."*** *It was about the imminent closure of this iconic Mandya Sugar Factory and the need for an immediate intervention by the government to save it from closure.*

I had written then, "MySugar is neither a sugar factory nor an industry. It is an institution whose DNA is made up of the labour and sweat of sugarcane growing farmers." I had further written, as if by intuition, that the "Mysore Sugar Factory (as it was known then) opened in 1933-34 (probably by some Englishman like the Consolidated Coffee Limited in Kodagu) during the days of the Raj."

Thanks to Meera Iyer, now I know that there indeed was an Englishman (Canadian though) in establishing the iconic Mandya Sugar Factory (MySugar).

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Devotees throng Chamundi Hill temple

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As such today presented a picture of a true *Janata Darshan* as the administration had made all arrangements for a hassle-free *darshan* for devotees. There were two ticket counters of Rs.50 and Rs.300 and there was separate lines for ticket holders, which largely ensured an almost smooth *darshan* for devotees.

Devotees at dasoha (mass feeding) arranged atop Chamundi Hill.

Hassle-free entry for senior citizens

As per a recent circular of the Muzrai Department, the temple authorities allowed senior citizens aged over 65 years to enter the temple for free from the Rs.50 ticket line without having to wait in the queue. The senior citizens were only required to show any one of Government issued documents such as Aadhaar card, PAN card, Voter ID card etc., as proof of their age.

The systematic formation of queues ensured that there was no instant rush of devotees at any point of time and that the three separate queues — One for Janata Darshan, one for Rs.50 ticket holders and the other for Rs.300 ticket holders — were not broken.

Though there were no issuance of passes this time, many VIPs had a direct entry to the Hill temple. However, the authorities ensured that the visit of VIPs did not restrict the entry of other devotees. With the total ban on entry of private vehicles, the KSRTC operated buses from Lalitha Mahal grounds to the Hill temple to ferry all devotees for free, which has been the practice for the past several years. The pujas will conclude at 9.30 pm and only *darshan* will be available thereafter till 11 pm.

Security arrangements

The Police had made elaborate security arrangements at Chamundi Hill. Cops were seen making regular public announcements asking the devotees to be wary of thieves, pick-pockets and other such criminals and also to keep a constant watch on their personal belongings. A Mounted Police contingent was also deployed atop the Hill for crowd control and regulation. Also, the Police have installed over 60 CCTV cameras to keep a watch on suspicious movements.

Actor Darshan Thoogudeepa was among the noted personalities who visited the temple.

City's Chamundeshwari Seva Samithi had organised dasoha for over 25,000 devotees, who were distributed Uppittu and Kesari Baath as breakfast right from 6 am. The Samithi had also organised lunch, with Bisi Bele Baath, Mango Burfi, Kosambari, Beans Palya, Cabbage Palya, Anna-Sambar, Papad, Curd and Pickle. The Samithi will also distribute Tomato Baath, Vegetable Baath and Capsicum Baath starting from 6 pm.

Vehicles parked at Lalitha Mahal grounds

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&DM)- With a large number of devotees and tourists from across the State and other parts of the country expected to take part in the first Ashada Friday atop Chamundi Hill, the District Administration had banned entry of all private vehicles to the Hilltop.

The devotees and tourists were asked to park their vehicles at the parking lot near Lalitha Mahal grounds, where they were required to board free KSRTC buses to reach the Hill temple.

KSRTC had deployed about 50 buses, much more in number when compared to the previous years as the authorities anticipated a huge rush to the Hill temple on the first Ashada Friday today.

The administration had designated exclusive vehicle parking lots for four-wheelers, two-wheelers and other types of vehicles and the devotees were required to park their vehicles only at the respective designated lot, which had markings to guide the motorists to park their vehicles in an orderly manner and within the marked box, so as to ensure proper vehicle parking.

As devotees began to arrive in large numbers at Lalitha Mahal grounds, the KSRTC started operation of buses from as early as 3 am. The Home Guards deployed at the grounds ensured that devotees stand in queues in an orderly manner to board buses.

Many tourists from other States who were unaware of the regulations for Ashada Friday, too co-operated by getting down from their vehicles and boarding the free KSRTC buses.

The authorities had put up boards asking the devotees not to carry plastic covers or other banned plastic materials and thus co-operate in making the Chamundi Hill a plastic-free zone.

Also, the individuals and organisations who wanted to distribute *prasada* to the devotees atop the Hill, were asked to mandatorily get a food safety certification from the competent authorities before distribution.

Hill step climbers

Many devotees, who wanted to fulfil their vow, were seen climbing the hill steps at the foot of Chamundi Hill, for having *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari today. The devotees were seen arriving at the steps as early as 2 am, so that they could reach the Hill top before sunrise.

Volunteers of Parisara Balaga and Chamundi Betta Ulisi Samithi were seen standing all along the path of the steps to educate the devotees against carrying plastic covers and other banned plastic materials that pollute the surroundings. They were also seen asking the devotees not to throw food and other wastes along the steps.

Setting to rest all speculations on making the steps a one-way today, the administration allowed both climbing and getting down the hill steps, much to the delight of the foot devotees. The devotees arriving at the footsteps were required to park their vehicles at the ground close to the nearby Pinjrapole and at the make-shift parking lot near Sree Ayyappaswamy temple.

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Testing new-borns for hearing disorders

Eight taluk hospitals in Mysuru to launch project

AIISH's New-born Screening Programme enables hearing disorder detection within days of birth

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&BCT)- Over 5 to 6 children per 1,000 births are born in India with hearing impairment and other hearing-related disorders every day. This means that over 12,000 children are born with hearing impairment in India every year and it is important to raise awareness of the issue so that these children can get the early intervention they need.

In order to address the pressing need for expanding the New-born Screening Programme (NBS), Mysuru-based All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) has partnered with the Department of Health and Family Welfare to raise awareness among medical teams working under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) regarding the screening of communication disorders in children.

Hearing impairment can be caused by a number of factors, including genetic disorders, infections during pregnancy and complications during birth. Early intervention is essential for children with hearing impairment, as it can help them develop language and communication skills.

If children have hearing impairment, it is important to have them screened as soon as possible. With early intervention, children with hearing impairment can go on to live happy and productive lives. According to experts at AIISH, with the implementation of audiological tests, hearing loss can be accurately identified right after birth.

As delayed identification poses a significant obstacle to effectively managing hearing loss in children, screening will be held within two months of age and

treatment will be provided within three months as per the global standards.

The pilot project of the New-born Screening Programme was launched in Mysuru at AIISH on June 21 in the presence of District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, UNICEF-SBCC (Social Behaviour Change Communications) Programme Regional Director B. Ravish and District Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) Dr. M.S. Jayanth, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi and head of Audiology Department Dr. Sandeep.

Screening on quarterly basis

Through this collaboration, AIISH aims to conduct new-born screening in the eight taluk hospitals in Mysuru on a quarterly basis. The District Early Inter Centre (DEIC) team has agreed to take the responsibility of bringing all the infants born in the last 3 months to taluk hospital on a specified day. The team of AIISH would visit the taluk hospitals to conduct new-born screening and identify at-risk infants.

AIISH has developed a specialised New-born Screening Programme that enables the screening of speech, language and hearing disorders in infants within a few days of their birth. This screening will take place at the bedside in 17 hospitals within Mysuru city and 30 outreach service centres.

Each month, over 6,000 newborns will be screened through this programme and infants at risk of speech, language and hearing disorders are identified within one month of their birth.

To benefit more infants

This collaboration aims to expand the reach of AIISH's NBS programme, benefiting more infants and covering additional geographical regions. Infants identified through this screening programme will be treated either at DEIC or AIISH, depending on the patients' convenience.

In his address, DHO Dr. Prasad expressed that this collaboration will have a significant impact on society as it focuses on addressing communication disorders in children at an early age. The staff will be oriented on the risk indicators, process of identification and treatment.

Specifically, he applauded the initiative, noting that while screening for hearing loss already exists in the private sector, it will now be integrated into the public healthcare system as well. AIISH serves as the technical partner for this initiative and with AIISH's support, the collaboration aims to successfully implement the programme, he added.

Fourth Unilet digital showroom launched in city

Actor-producer Daali Dhananjay inaugurated the new Unilet digital showroom on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar on Wednesday. This is the 4th showroom of Unilet in Mysuru and has washing machines, fridges, mobile phones, laptops of various companies for sale. Unilet showroom owner Umayan Fayaz, Business Head Murali, Ayaz, Abhijit and others were present during the launch.

Motherhood Hospital treats woman with aggressive uterine cancer through laparoscopic surgery

Seen are (from left) Dr. Noor Fathima Akram, Consultant Anaesthesiologist, Motherhood Hospital, Mysuru; Dr. Madhura Phatak, Senior Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist; Dr. Y. Jayakarthik, Senior Consultant Surgical Oncologist and B.J. Sandeep Patel, Facility Director.

Mysuru, June 23- A team led by Dr. Madhura Phatak, Senior Consultant, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Laparoscopic Gynae Surgeon along with Dr. Y. Jayakarthik, Senior Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Motherhood Hospital, Mysuru, have successfully done an advanced laparoscopic surgery on a woman suffering from advanced uterine cancer. This technically challenging surgery has been done for the first time by Laparoscopy in Mysuru.

Mrs. Nalini (name changed), a 58-year-old woman, was concerned when she noticed post-menopausal bleeding 8 years after menopause. She consulted Dr. Phatak, who suggested for a scan and biopsy of uterine lining which involved removal of tissue for examination as she suspected cancer of uterus.

Briefing the media, Dr. Madhura Phatak said, "On further examinations, we found that the cancer was limited to uterus, but was of aggressive nature. It needed a major surgery, which was done completely as keyhole surgery to remove the lymph nodes around large blood vessels of abdomen called aorta (direct branch from the heart) and, in the pelvis, called iliac vessels (branch from aorta) and the removal of uterus and ovaries. She has made a speedy recovery and is now under follow ups."

Dr. Jayakarthik added, "Uterine cancers are mostly low-grade cancers, but this case was rare. Treating such cancer with laparoscopic hysterectomy is still considered a common scenario but this is one of the first-time para-aortic lymph node dissection successfully performed via laparoscopy in Mysuru. It is a technically demanding procedure which is done around the critical structures like blood vessels supplying kidneys, colon and nerves supplying the bladder — damage to any of which would have caused a negative impact on the patient's life."

"Advanced laparoscopy is possible in oncology nowadays without compromising on the outcomes leading to faster recovery of the patients which is not the case if open surgeries are performed. The focus is to perform major surgeries with minimal invasive or access route which will help in faster recovery of the patients," added Dr. Phatak.

The patient is having a speedy recovery and is now under her follow up sessions of chemo, said Hospital Facility Director B.J. Sandeep Patel.

Ismail Optical launches new e-commerce website

Mysuru, June 23 - Ismail Optical Co., a renowned optical industry leader with 91-year legacy, entered the digital era with the launch of their e-commerce website *www.lookspexy.com*. This brings their trusted services and top-quality eyewear to customers' homes, offering unparalleled convenience and access.

Recognising the evolving preferences of their valued customers, Ismail Optical Co. embraces technology with their new online platform. Now, customers can browse and purchase from a vast collection of prescription glasses, sunglasses, reading glasses and specialty eyewear, catering to diverse styles and vision needs. The user-friendly interface ensures a seamless shopping experience.

Customers can easily navigate categories, filter preferences and even try on frames virtually with cutting-edge augmented reality technology soon. Detailed product descriptions and high-resolution images empower customers to make well-informed decisions.

Expert guidance is just a click away. Ismail Optical Co.'s experienced optometrists and opticians are available online via WhatsApp, addressing customer needs promptly and effectively. Virtual consultations with optometrists offer professional eye care advice, from discussing concerns to obtaining prescriptions, all from the comfort of home.

Ismail Optical sources eyewear from trusted manufacturers and customers can trust that they are receiving genuine, high-quality products that meet the strict standards set by Ismail Optical Co.

Gritty Mysuru sailor first to cover 1,000-km expedition

M. Arpitha

M. Arpitha seen receiving the certificate from Tamil Nadu Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu.

Mysuru, June 23 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- M. Arpitha, a resident of Hootagalli in the city, has achieved the rare feat of being the only woman from Mysuru who has so far completed the 1,000-km non-stop sailing expedition from Chennai to Point Calimere and back, undeterred by the brutal sun, salty sea breeze, and the occasional heavy rain.

The Coastal Security Group of the Tamil Nadu Police organised the all-women Chennai-Pulicat-Point Calimere-Chennai sailing expedition covering 1,000 km to mark the 'Golden Jubilee Year of Women in the Tamil Nadu Police Force'. The Police partnered with Royal Madras Yacht Club and the event was held from June 10 to June 17, 2023. With this expedition, the TN Women Police also entered the London Book of World Records by being the first Women Police Force in the World to see success at sea.

For the expedition, 25 women Police personnel were selected and imparted with basic and advanced training by the Club and the National J/80 Class Association in Chennai Port. Arpitha was leading one of the teams on behalf of the Royal Madras Yacht Club.

TN Minister of Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin flagged off the event on the Royal Madras Yacht Club premises in Chennai Port. Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu was present.

Navigating rough tides

Sharing her adventurous journey with *Star of Mysore*, Arpitha said that she was glad to be part of the expedition and lead one of the team out of 4 sailboats to support and help them navigate the rough waters.

"It was an eight-day non-stop day and night sailing in the Bay of Bengal. We witnessed extreme climate conditions like the super-hot sun to heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms with lighting. We also experienced a calm sea state and roller waves. It was a test of our courage and willpower and we successfully completed the feat," she said.

"One night, darkness descended upon us with the sole exception of relentless lightning strikes that illuminated the pitch-black sky every few seconds. And it was a rather cold night. We navigated through a storm also," Arpitha recalled.

"I want to thank the Tamil Nadu Women Police team and Capt. Vivek Shanbhag of the Royal Madras Yacht Club (RMYC) and Chief Coach Chinna Reddy for giving me this opportunity," she added. In the past, Arpitha has participated in the UNIFI Capital Offshore Nationals Regatta 2023, J/80 Class Boats Racing 2023 and stood first in the silver fleet and also was awarded as the most disciplined and promising team (as tactician). An NCC cadet, she took part in the All India Yachting Regatta NCC 2009 and stood second in her Directorate.

Arpitha works at L&T Technology Services, Mysuru and is the daughter of R.M. Mahadevaswamy and M.K. Hemavathy, residents of Hootagalli.

She intends to participate in the upcoming J80 World Championships this year and sail around the world solo, keeping Mysuru on the world sailing map. She wants to form a Women's Sailing Team in Karnataka and improve their sailing lifestyle and explore the oceans.

5 crore women travel for free in 11 days

Zero tickets' worth Rs. 126,72,99,929 issued so far

Mysuru, June 23 (GA&BCT)- The recent launch of the 'Shakti' scheme which provides free travel for women on non-premium Government buses, has remained popular among female passengers even after 11 days. Data from all divisions of the KSRTC show that over 5 crore women have travelled across the State, costing the exchequer Rs. 126 crore.

This scheme, one of the five guarantees promised by the Congress Government, had sparked both anticipation and scepticism prior to its launch. However, the data indicates that it has been well-received by women. Working-class women, in particular, have benefited significantly from the scheme and have eagerly embraced the opportunity. The scheme is implemented on buses operated by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC).

From June 11 till June 22, 5,40,07,124 women have utilised the service and the tickets have cost the Government a whopping Rs. 126,72,99,929 during the same period since the scheme's initiation.

On the launch day alone, 5,71,000 women travelled, resulting in zero-value tickets worth approximately Rs.1,40,22,878 being issued. The following day, which was a Monday, witnessed a significant increase with 41,34,726 women passengers availing the scheme. Subsequently, the number of women passengers travelling for free on government buses consistently rose and now has beaten the 5-crore mark.

Notably, among the divisions, the BMTC recorded the highest number of female passengers indicating that a large number of female workforce are using the service. This trend continued over the weekend, with footfall consistently increasing as women preferred to travel to religious places such as Dharmasthala, Kukke Subrahmanya, Sringeri.

As the weekend coincided with Ashada Amavasya, the presence of women at bus stops and crowded buses was noticeable throughout the State. To accommodate the increased demand, transport organisations have expanded their bus services to religious and tourist destinations.

Scheme leaves a big dent in auto drivers' income

After the 'Shakti' scheme was launched, autorickshaw drivers in Mysuru city are experiencing the impact, with a reported 30 to 40 percent decline in business. Many drivers who provide services through ride-hailing applications are noticing a drastic decrease in the number of ride requests they receive, even during peak hours and for long distances.

Despite waiting from morning till afternoon, several auto drivers are unable to find a single passenger. This has left them feeling helpless, as they struggle to pay their children's school fees and monthly loan instalments. Despite working 12-hour shifts, autorickshaw drivers lead challenging lives.

They say that the 'Shakti' scheme has resulted in irreparable losses, making it difficult to earn even Rs. 500 per day. Already frustrated by factors like bike taxis, auto drivers mentioned that they are left with no choice but to raise their fares due to the significant impact the scheme has had on their earnings.

"We were already in a dire situation, trying to recover from the debts accumulated during the COVID pandemic and facing competition from bike taxis. Now, the 'Shakti' scheme has further worsened the misery in our lives," said Sampath, an auto driver from Ashokapuram.

Students Olympic International Games

City student bags Gold Medal in Shuttle Badminton

Mysuru, June 23- A. Vidyananda Kashyap, a student of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has won Gold Medal in Shuttle Badminton by representing India in Students Olympic International Games held at Johor Bahru, Malaysia, from June 16 to 19.

Twenty-year-old Vidyananda Kashyap had attended the 9th Students Olympic National Games 2022-23 organised by Students Olympic Association, India, at Lovely Professional University, Punjab and had secured 1st place (Gold Medal) in Under-22 category by representing Karnataka.

A. Vidyananda Kashyap

As he won Gold Medal in National Olympic, he got selected for International Students Olympic at Malaysia, where students from 15 to 20 countries took part. He played finals against Singapore and secured 1st place in Under -22 category.

A 3rd year, 6th sem student in the Department of Information Science at VVCE, Vidyananda Kashyap is the son of K. Ambareesha (LIC High Grade Assistant) and K.S. Jayashree (a school teacher), residents of K.R. Nagar, Mysuru district.

'Hing Madidre Henge' drama to be staged tomorrow

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&TRR)- Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba has said that a humorous play 'Hing Madidre Henge' will be staged tomorrow by Bengaluru based Amateur Theatre Troupe 'Antaranga Bahiranga' at Kiru-rangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 7 pm. It will be a 90 minute play and ticket price has been fixed at Rs.150 per head. Head of Antaranga Bahiranga troupe Bheeshma Ramaiah said that his troupe is engaged in theatre activities continuously for the last six years and 'Hing Madidre Henge' is their sixth play.

WORD OF THE DAY

Microcosm

Pronunciation: MY-kruh-kah-zum.
Meaning: Microcosm refers to something (such as a place or an event) that is seen or understood as a small version of something much larger. In the phrase "in microcosm" it describes something in a greatly reduced size or form.
Origin: Small wonder that the oldest meaning of microcosm in our dictionary is "little world": the word comes ultimately from the Greek phrase mikros kosmos, meaning "little universe." That meaning can be applied to many a wee realm, as in "the microcosm of the atom," but microcosm was originally used by medieval scholars specifically to refer to humans as miniature embodiments of the natural universe. Microcosm soon expanded to refer to places (such as neighborhoods or other communities) thought to embody at a small scale characteristics of larger places, and later to anything serving as an apt representation of something bigger—as when Arthur C. Clarke, famed author of much fiction and nonfiction set in the cosmos, noted that "a sunken ship is a microcosm of the civilization that launched it."
Example: "... [Jackson Heights] isn't just a microcosm of New York City because of its culinary and cultural diversity, it also reflects the ways New York is rapidly changing." — Sebastian Modak, BBC, 22 Mar. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Magnality

Wonderful or great thing.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Make a virtue of necessity

Meaning: Obtain kudos from apparently willingly doing something that one was in fact couldn't avoid doing. It is also used to mean 'submit with good grace'.
Origin: This is first recorded in Chaucer. He used it in several texts, including The Canterbury Tales - the Knight's Tale: Convertynge al unto his propre welle
From which it is dirryved, sooth to telle?
And heer-agayns no creature on lyve, Of no degree, availleth for to stryve.
Thanne is it wysdom, as it thynketh me,
To maken vertu of necessitee, ...
In modern English:
Converting all back to that primal well
From which it was derived, 'tis sooth to tell.
And against this, for every thing alive,
Of any state, avalls it not to strive.
"Then is it wisdom, as it seems to me,
To make a virtue of necessity, ...

QUOTE BOX

Necessity is blind until it becomes conscious. Freedom is the consciousness of necessity. **—Karl Marx**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Upright piano.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Goddess of plenty
4 Ancient Indic language
8 A clumsy umbrella
12 Hawaiian garland
13 Females in general?
14 US physicist winner of Nobel Prize in 1944
15 Sweetbread gland?
17 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
18 Attitude, beliefs
19 Ditch or discard
21 Piece of advice
23 Huge kingdom
27 Sep sequel
30 RK's Kal __ Aur Kal
32 Senior in age
33 Doubling of a cord
35 Indian rule
37 Large deciduous trees
38 Vehicle used to transport goods
40 Nintendo gaming console
42 So far
43 Estimate value
45 Winter London time zone
47 Shantytown
49 Mails
53 Cheek
56 Disproof
58 Flexible water pipe
59 Developed tadpole
60 Constellation next to Scorpius
61 Swerves
62 Actor Connery
63 Cloth fragment

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	R	O	S	■	G	R	A	B	■	N	O	V
M	A	R	C	■	L	I	R	A	■	A	R	I
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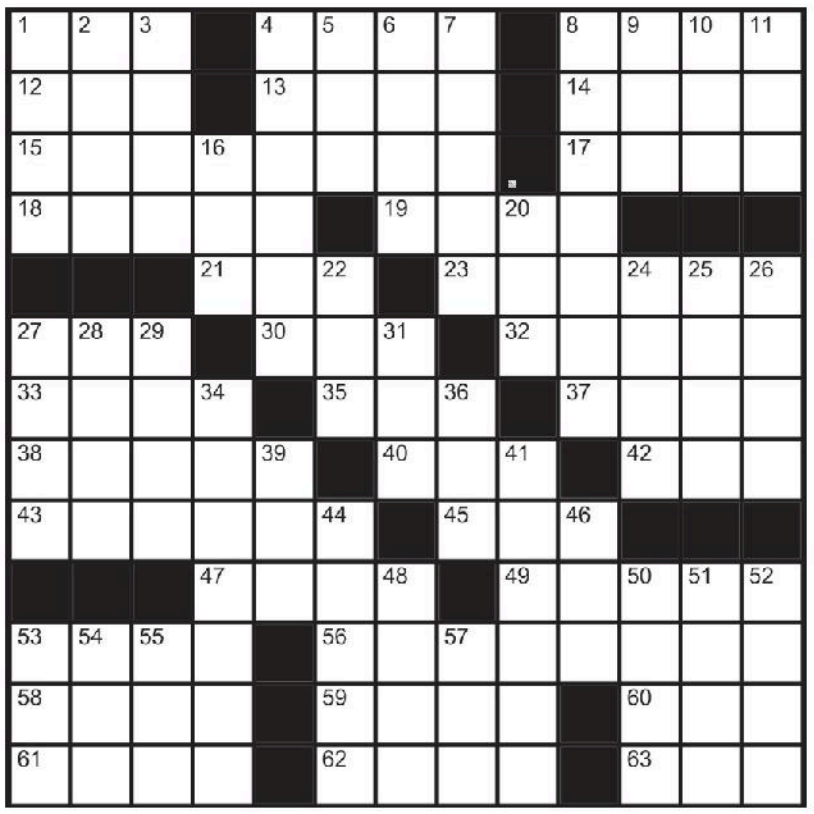
DOWN
1 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
2 Fuel dug from a bog
3 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
4 Today's Iran
5 Hail as to Maria
6 Be in the front
7 Edition of a magazine
8 Come to grips with
9 "You" in Urdu
10 Management degree
11 Bakery offering
16 Portable bed
20 Mrs in Marseille
22 Equality
24 Indolently
25 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
26 Formerly - "rest" anagram?
27 Clay water jar
28 Makes loving sound
29 Rocky hill-tops
31 Tooth-bearing bone
34 Urges
36 Dance
39 Designer's monogram
41 Attack as false
44 Navigates the web
46 Small child
48 A lake or pond
50 Celestial body
51 Scarlett's home
52 Refuse left after oar has been smelted
53 Timid, bashful
54 Angle-of-attack
55 Vane letters
57 Scarf or snake



SUDOKU

	1	5				3	4	
			6		4			
		8				9		
5		3	2		9	4		1
			4		6			
4		2	1		8	6		3
		7				1		
			9		7			
	3	4				8	6	

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	7	9	5	1	8	3	4
9	8	1	4	2	3	5	7	6
5	4	3	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	1	9	8	6	7	3	2	5
7	3	2	1	4	5	6	9	8
8	5	6	3	9	2	1	4	7
2	9	5	7	3	6	4	8	1
1	6	4	2	8	9	7	5	3
3	7	8	5	1	4	2	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YPX NXLY MGW YZ JXY IXZIBX YZ BQTX WZA

QL HZY YZ BQTX YPXU YZZ UAKP.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Dhoomam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Thalainagaram (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Gadar (H) - 4 Shows

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Spider Man (E)	(S-1)	10.20 am
The Flash (E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 6.05 pm
No Hard Feelings (E)	(S-1)	8.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Aggrasena (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Modala Male (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Paayum Oli Nee Yenakku (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Thandatti (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
1920 - Horrors of the Heart (H)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 7.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-4)	1.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Adipurush (K-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.40 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	12.15 pm
1920: Horrors of the Heart (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Dhoomam (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.00 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	:	1.50 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.00 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	:	4.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	7.00 pm

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Dhoomam (K)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	:	4.05 pm, 10.15 pm
Aggrasena (K)	:	11 am
Adipurush (K)	:	11.05 am, 9.30 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	:	1.40 pm
Adipurush (Te)	:	2.45 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	11.30 am, 6.50 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	:	11.20 am, 5.20 pm, 7.40 pm, 10 pm
1920: Horrors of the Heart (H)	:	12 noon, 6.45 pm
Spider-man (E)	:	1.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.45 pm
The Flash (E)	:	3.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	6.35 pm
Thandatti (Ta)	:	7.25 pm

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Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	10.45 am, 10.30 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	:	2.10 pm, 6.05 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	2.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Modala Male (K)	:	11.45 am
Elemental (E-3D)	:	11.50 am, 5.50 pm, 8.10 pm
Dhoomam (K)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.50 pm
Thalainagaram 2 (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	6.30 pm
1920: Horrors of Heart (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 23)

- **Sringeri Sri Shankar Mutt, Abhinava Shankaralaya:** Ashada Friday special puja, 'Sri Gajalakshmi Alankara', Musical programme - vocal concert by Vidu. Keerthana and team, Sri Sharadaparameshwari Amma, Shankar Mutt premises, Fort Mohalla, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 81st Jayantyutsava and 19th Brahma Rathotsava, Bhajan Programme by Devi Group Chinmaya Mission, Sri Shankara Prarthana Mandira, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **DoS in Commerce, University of Mysore (UoM):** Valedictory of 'Manas Vriddhi,' a two-day University level Commerce Fest 2023, UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja chief guest, BIMS auditorium, Manasagangothri, **3.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Late Sri Vasudeva Udupa Memorial Programme, vocal concert by Vidu. Vasudha Keshava, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Lions International - District 317G, Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors:** Installation Ceremony of new team for the year 2023-24 — Ln. H.C. Kantharaj as President, Ln. C.R. Dinesh as Secretary and Ln. K.T. Vishnu as Treasurer — District 317G District Governor Ln. B.S. Rajashekaraiah chief guest and Installing Officer, Cadibet Advisor Ln. K. Devegowda guest of honour and Guiding Lion, induction of new members by PST Forum District Chairperson Ln. S. Mathidevakumar, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **7 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka College of Commerce, Management, Technical and Arts and Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC):** Vidwath-2K23, two-day State-level Inter-Collegiate Biztech extravaganza, Cultural extravaganza by Bigg Boss fame Deepika Das, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 24)

- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 81st Jayantyutsava and 19th Brahma Rathotsava, Subramanya Homa, **9 am;** Music Programme by Vidu. Vani Satish, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha, GIZ and Namma Farmers Market:** Jackfruit Festival, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, inaugurates, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hesaraghata, Bengaluru, releases Jack Recipes Booklet, **10 am;** Jackfruit lifting competition, **6 pm;** Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **10 am to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98809-08608 or 99588-02280]
- **Mysore Open Forum:** Talk on 'Kannada Literature and Language Politics in India' by Prof. Purushothama Bilimale, Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.**
- **Vanitha Sadana, Krishnamurthypuram, Hiranmai Pratishthana and Cauvery Balaga, Mysuru:** Helen Keller's birth anniversary celebrations and presentation of Pratibha Puraskar, Writer and columnist Bannur K. Raju, inaugurates, Susheelabai Nageshrao Trust President B.R. Ravi presides, numerologist S.G. Seetharam speaks, Susheelabai Nageshrao Trust Trustee Srinivasarao presents awards, Vanitha Sadana High School Headmistress Shivamma distributes prizes, Vanitha Sadana High School premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Tiger Adventure Foundation (TAF):** Graduation ceremony of Vision-2023 [first-ever trekking expedition for Nursing Officers of India in Himalayan ranges], S. Ravi, IPS, Additional Director General of Police and Principal Secretary (Home), GoK, chief guest, Cr. Anchal Khullar, President, Ladies Circle India and Namrata Shenoy, Past President of Ladies Circle India and Founder Trustee of Diya Foundation guests of honour, TAF Founder Trustee A. Anil Kumar presides, Oyster Bay, Vijayanagar I Stage, **10.50 am.**
- **Vidyavardhaka College of Commerce, Management, Technical & Arts and Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC):** Valedictory of Vidwath-2K23, two-day State-level Inter-Collegiate Biztech extravaganza, cultural evening, Co-Founder of Krishi Junction Dr. Chaitra Bharath, chief guest, Sangha President Gundappa Gowda presides, Secretary P. Vishwanath, Treasurer Srishaila Rammannavar, CMC Chairman T. Nagaraju and Principal Dr. S. Marigowda, guests of honour, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club (CLC), Mysuru:** Talk on 'Horned Toad and Sloth' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly English Professor of KSOU and presently CLC Director, Sathya Sai Baba Institution, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.** [Mob: 96323-15924]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Discourse on 'Atmabodha' by Swami Ishtanathanandaji, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Classical vocal concert by Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh accompanied by Vid. Krithik Koushik on violin and Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Sri Ramamandira, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Karnatak Classical Music programme, vocal concert by Vid. Anjana P. Rao, Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Srikanthacharya Mukhundi on 'Bhagavad Gita – Chapter 10,' Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Religious Endowment Department and Sri Trinayaneshwara Temple:** Sri Girija Kalyana Mahotsava, Varapuja Mahotsava, Sri Trinayaneshwara Temple, Palace premises, **7 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Dhoomam (K)	(S-2)	10.00 am
	(S-3)	11.50 am, 7.15 pm
Elemental (E-3D)	(S-1)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	5.40 pm, 8.00 pm
No Hard Feelings (E)	(S-1)	12.15 pm; (S-3) 10.20 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
1920: Horrors of Heart (H)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-1)	2.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Adipurush (K)	(S-3)	3.35 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-1)	6.20 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-4)	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	2.55 pm

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Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 5.50 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-2)	2.10 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Elemental (E)	(S-1)	10.50 am
Elemental (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.40 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhoomam (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
Dhoomam (Ma)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Road King (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Modala Male (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Aggrasena (K)	(S-4)	7.45 pm
1920 - Horrors of Heart (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 10.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	7.10 pm

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